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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE CONCERNING NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION  
- ACT OF 1978

REF: STATE 081713

1. ON 11 APRIL 1978, DCM CALLED ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIEN TO CONVEY REFTEL DEMARCHE CONCERNING THE U.S. NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT (NNPA) OF 1978. THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL. CHIEN WAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE TALKING POINTS, AS WELL AS COPIES OF THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE NNPA AND OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S 10 MARCH STATEMENT DELIVERED WHEN SIGNING THE ACT INTO LAW.

2. AFTER READING THE DEMARCHE TO CHIEN, DCM SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE PROVISIONS OF THE NNPA WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON D.C. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, ALL OF WHOM CONFIRMED HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE ACT WOULD REQUIRE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO TAKE ACTION TO SUSPEND COOPERATION IN THE EVENT OF VIOLATIONS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CHIEN WOULD CONVEY THE SENSE OF THIS RISK TO ALL APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE ROC GOVERNMENT (GROC). DCM ADDED THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE SCIENTISTS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS

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INVOLVED BE SENSITIZED TO THE RISKS INVOLVED IN ANY ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE IN PROHIBITED ACTIVITY IN THE BELIEF THAT IT WOULD ESCAPE OUR NOTICE.

3. CHIEN RESPONDED THAT THE ROC HAD MADE CLEAR ITS POSITION ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN PREVIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS. THIS POSITION WAS SUPPORTED AT THE

"HIGHEST LEVELS" IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE ROC WOULD CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY IT. HE ASSURED THE DCM THAT THE TEXT OF THE NNPA WOULD BE SENT TO "ALL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES" WITH INSTRUCTION THAT THEY "ADHERE STRICTLY" TO ITS PROVISIONS. CHIEN SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT THERE WILL BE NO INTENTIONAL VIOLATIONS AND THAT THE GROC WOULD STUDY THE NNPA CAREFULLY TO ENSURE THERE WOULD BE NO "UNINTENTIONAL" VIOLATIONS. CHIEN ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD STUDY WITH PARTICULAR CARE SECTION 307 OF THE ACT.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE DEMARCHE MADE THE POINT. DCM INTENDS TO USE A SOCIAL OCCASION ON 16 MARCH TO CONFIRM WITH CHIEN THAT TEXT OF THE NNPA AND THE TERMS OF THE DEMARCHE HAVE BEEN PASSED ON TO APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF THE GROC. UNGER

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